

## Exercise – 4.4

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**Question 1** Find the square root of the following polynomials by factorization method

(i)  $x^2 - 8x + 16$

$$x^2 - 8x + 16 = (x)^2 - 2(x)(4) + (4)^2 = (x - 4)^2$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 - 8x + 16} = \sqrt{(x - 4)^2}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 - 8x + 16} = \pm(x - 4)$$

(iv)  $64y^2 - 32y + 4$

$$64y^2 - 32y + 4 = (8y)^2 - 2(8y)(2) + (2)^2 = (8y - 2)^2$$

$$\sqrt{64y^2 - 32y + 4} = \sqrt{(8y - 2)^2}$$

$$\sqrt{64y^2 - 32y + 4} = \pm(8y - 2)$$

(ii)  $9x^2 + 12x + 4$

$$9x^2 + 12x + 4 = (3x)^2 + 2(3x)(2) + (2)^2 = (3x + 2)^2$$

$$\sqrt{9x^2 + 12x + 4} = \sqrt{(3x + 2)^2}$$

$$\sqrt{9x^2 + 12x + 4} = \pm(3x + 2)$$

(v)  $200t^2 - 120t + 18$

$$200t^2 - 120t + 18 = 2[100t^2 - 60t + 9]$$

$$200t^2 - 120t + 18 = 2[(10t)^2 - 2(10t)(3) + (3)^2] = 2(10t - 3)^2$$

$$\sqrt{200t^2 - 120t + 18} = \sqrt{2(10t - 3)^2}$$

$$\sqrt{200t^2 - 120t + 18} = \pm\sqrt{2}(10t - 3)$$

(iii)  $36a^2 + 84a + 49$

$$36a^2 + 84a + 49 = (6a)^2 + 2(6a)(7) + (7)^2 = (6a + 7)^2$$

$$\sqrt{36a^2 + 84a + 49} = \sqrt{(6a + 7)^2}$$

$$\sqrt{36a^2 + 84a + 49} = \pm(6a + 7)$$

(vi)  $40x^2 + 120x + 90$

$$40x^2 + 120x + 90 = 10(4x^2 + 12x + 9) = 10[(2x)^2 + 2(2x)(3) + (3)^2]$$

$$40x^2 + 120x + 90 = 10(2x + 3)^2$$

$$\sqrt{40x^2 + 120x + 90} = \sqrt{10(2x + 3)^2}$$

$$\sqrt{40x^2 + 120x + 90} = \pm\sqrt{10}(2x + 3)$$

**Question 2** Find the square root of the following polynomials by division method

(i)  $\sqrt{4x^4 - 28x^3 + 37x^2 + 42x + 9}$

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| $2x^2$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 - 7x - 3 \\ \hline 4x^4 - 28x^3 + 37x^2 + 42x + 9 \\ \underline{\pm 4x^4} \\ -28x^3 + 37x^2 \\ \underline{\mp 28x^3 \pm 49x^2} \\ -12x^2 + 42x + 9 \\ \underline{\mp 12x^2 \pm 42x \pm 9} \\ 0 \end{array}$ |
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$$\sqrt{4x^4 - 28x^3 + 37x^2 + 42x + 9} = \pm(2x^2 - 7x - 3)$$

(ii)  $\sqrt{121x^4 - 198x^3 - 183x^2 + 216x + 144}$

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| $11x^2$ | $\begin{array}{r} 11x^2 - 9x - 12 \\ \hline 121x^4 - 198x^3 - 183x^2 + 216x + 144 \\ \underline{\pm 121x^4} \\ -198x^3 - 183x^2 \\ \underline{\mp 198x^3 \pm 81x^2} \\ -264x^2 + 216x + 144 \\ \underline{\mp 264x^2 \pm 216x \pm 144} \\ 0 \end{array}$ |
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$$\sqrt{121x^4 - 198x^3 - 183x^2 + 216x + 144} = \pm(11x^2 - 9x - 12)$$

(iii)  $\sqrt{x^4 - 10x^3y + 27x^2y^2 - 10xy^3 + y^4}$

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| $x^2$               | $\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 5xy + y^2 \\ \hline x^4 - 10x^3y + 27x^2y^2 - 10xy^3 + y^4 \\ \hline \pm x^4 \end{array}$ |
| $2x^2 - 5xy$        | $\begin{array}{r} -10x^3y + 27x^2y^2 \\ \hline \mp 10x^3y \pm 25x^2y^2 \end{array}$                               |
| $2x^2 - 10xy + y^2$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2x^2y^2 - 10xy^3 + y^4 \\ \hline \pm 2x^2y^2 \mp 10xy^3 \pm y^4 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$        |

$$\sqrt{x^4 - 10x^3y + 27x^2y^2 - 10xy^3 + y^4} = \pm(x^2 - 5xy + y^2)$$

(iv)  $\sqrt{4x^4 - 12x^3 + 37x^2 - 42x + 49}$

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| $2x^2$          | $\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 - 3x + 7 \\ \hline 4x^4 - 12x^3 + 37x^2 - 42x + 49 \\ \hline \pm 4x^4 \end{array}$ |
| $4x^2 - 3x$     | $\begin{array}{r} -12x^3 + 37x^2 \\ \hline \mp 12x^3 \pm 9x^2 \end{array}$                                |
| $4x^2 - 6x + 7$ | $\begin{array}{r} 28x^2 - 42x + 49 \\ \hline \pm 28x^2 \mp 42x \pm 49 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$            |

$$\sqrt{4x^4 - 12x^3 + 37x^2 - 42x + 49} = \pm(2x^2 - 3x + 7)$$

**Question 3** An investor's return  $R(x)$  in rupees after investing  $x$  thousand rupees is given by quadratic expression

$$R(x) = -x^2 + 6x - 8 \text{ Factorize the expression and find the investment levels that result in zero return.}$$

Solution

$$R(x) = -x^2 + 6x - 8 = -x^2 + 4x + 2x - 8 = -x(x - 4) + 2(x - 4)$$

$$R(x) = (-x + 2)(x - 4)$$

$$\text{For zero return } R(x) = 0 \text{ we have } (-x + 2)(x - 4) = 0$$

$$-x + 2 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x - 4 = 0$$

$$x = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 4$$

Investment levels that result in zero return will be  $x = 2$  and  $x = 4$

**Question 4** A company's profit  $P(x)$  in rupees from selling  $x$  units of a product is modeled by the cubic expression

$$P(x) = x^3 - 15x^2 + 75x - 125 \text{ Find the break-even point (s), where the profit is zero.}$$

Solution

$$P(x) = x^3 - 15x^2 + 75x - 125$$

$$P(x) = (x)^3 - 3(x)^2(5) + 3(x)(5)^2 - (5)^3 = (x - 5)^3$$

$$\text{Since profit is zero, using } P(x) = 0 \text{ we have } (x - 5)^3 = 0$$

After taking cube root on both sides, we have  $x = 5$

**Question 5** The potential energy  $V(x)$  in an electric field varies as a cubic function of distance  $x$ . given by:

$$V(x) = 2x^3 - 6x^2 + 4x \text{ Determine where the potential energy is zero.}$$

Solution

$$V(x) = 2x^3 - 6x^2 + 4x$$

$$V(x) = 2x(x^2 - 3x + 2) = 2x(x - 2)(x - 1)$$

$$\text{For zero potential energy, using } V(x) = 0 \text{ we have } 2x(x - 1)(x - 2) = 0$$

Then  $x = 0, x = 1, x = 2$

**Question 6** In structural engineering, the deflection  $Y(x)$  of a beam is given by  $y(x) = 2x^2 - 8x^2 + 6$  this equation gives the vertical deflection at any point  $x$  along the beam. Find the points of zero deflection.

**Solution**

$$y(x) = 2x^2 - 8x^2 + 6$$

$$y(x) = 2(x^2 - 4x + 3)$$

$$y(x) = 2(x^2 - 3x - x + 3)$$

$$y(x) = 2(x-1)(x-3)$$

For zero potential deflection, using  $y(x) = 0$  we have  $2(x-1)(x-3) = 0$

$2 \neq 0$  then  $x-1 = 0$  or  $x-3 = 0$

Then  $x = 1, x = 3$

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